## **PATENT**

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Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: Pages 2 - 3

Amendments to the Abstract: None

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: Pages 4 - 7

Attachments: None